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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 8420

E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MILI, BG, IN, IR, PK

SUBJ: UNSUBSTANTIATED REPORT OF MASSING OF

INDIAN TROOPS ON BANGALADESH BORDER

1. JUST AFTER 7:00 PM, AUGUST 27, BANGALADESH AMBASSADOR DOHA TELEPHONED ME AND SAID HE HAD JUST LEARNED FROM PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR KHATTAK WHO HAD, IN TURN, RECEIVED A REPORT FROM CHINESE AMBASSADOR HAO THAT INDIAN ARMORED UNITS WERE MASSING ON "OUR" FRONTIER. HE ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS SOME DISCREET WAY WE MIGHT HELP HIM CHECK THIS INFORMATION OUT WITH HIS GOVERNMENT BECAUSE HIS OWN COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES WERE SLOW AND UNCERTAIN. WHEN I INFORMED HIM THAT THERE WAS NO WAY OF DOING THIS WITHOUT OUR BEING IDENTIFIED AS THE MESSAGE BEARER, HE HESITATED AND SAID HE WOULD NOT BE BACK TO ME IF HE COULD SOLVE HIS PROBLEMS OTHERWISE.

2. SUFFICIENTLY INTRIGUED BY THE ALLEGED SUBSTANCE OF THE MESSAGE, HOWEVER, I THOUGHT IT BEST TO CONTACT THE PAK AMBASSADOR DIRECTLY. HIS VERSION WAS MUCH LESS POSITIVE AND HE CHARACTERIZED THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR'S REPORT AS BEING HEDGED WITH MANY VAGUE ILLUSIONS TO  
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"HE HAD HEARD" AND "PERHAPS IT WAS POSSIBLE" AND "THERE

WAS SOME INTIMATION" THAT THE INDIANS "MAY BE MOBILIZING."

3. THIS SEEMS SOMETHING OF A PHANTOM RED HERRING BUT  
I THOUGHT I USEFUL TO REPORT IN THE EVENT THAT THERE  
IS ANY REMOTE BASIS WHATSOEVER FOR IT IN LIGHT OF  
NERVIOUS CONCERN THROUGHOUT THE AREA AS TO WHAT ACTIONS  
OR REACTIONS THE BANGALADESH COUP MIGHT GEERATE.  
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